

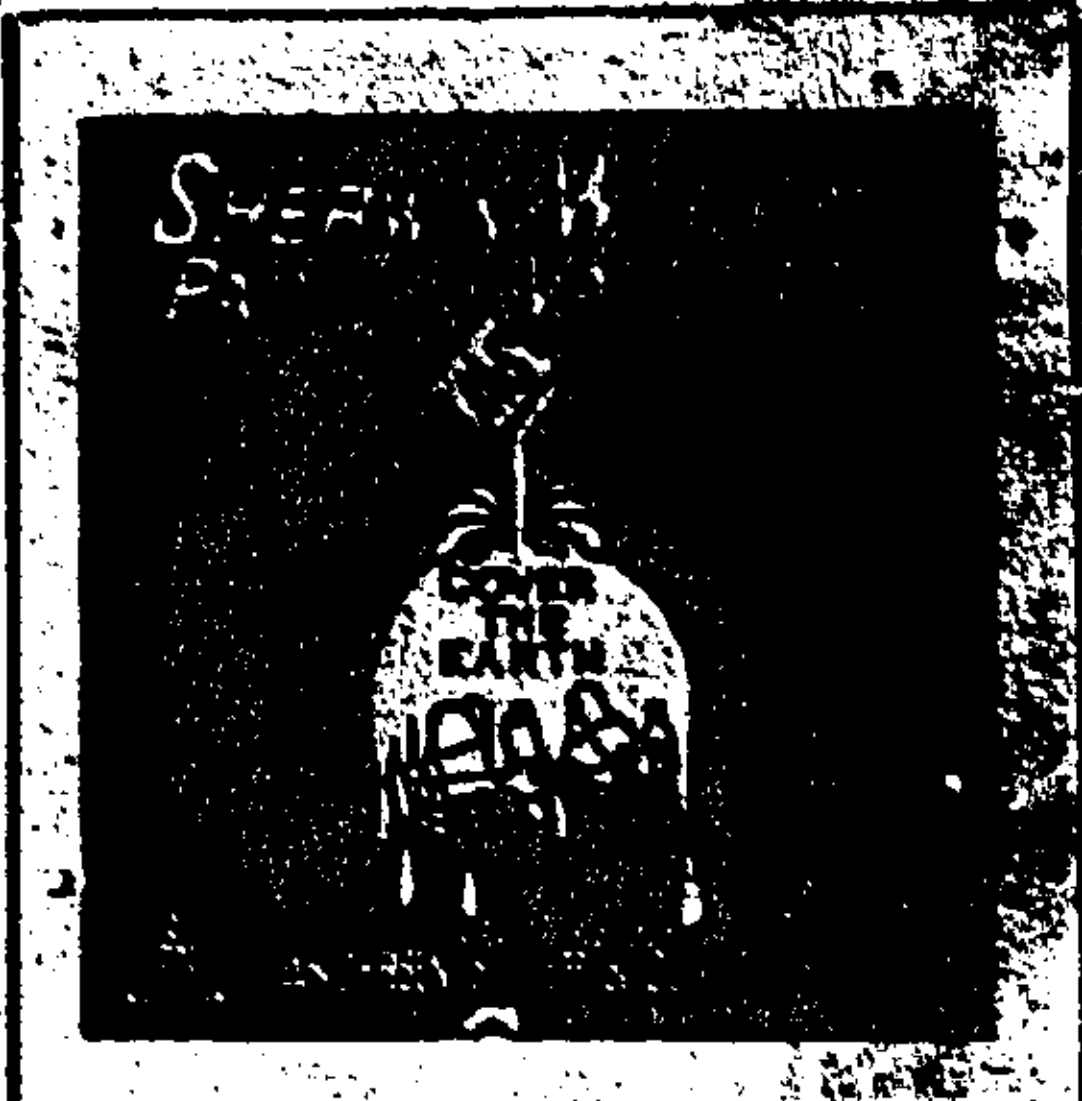


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ULSTER PREMIER ON THE IRISH CONFERENCE TERMS.

Disquieting Declaration.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 12.
In the Ulster Parliament Sir James Craig said that the position was grave. The treaty did not fulfil the pledges to Ulster. He counselled prudence until the debates at Westminster. Ulster was determined to stand by her ideals and not to agree to an inch.
The situation was never so complicated, said Sir James, as that created by the signing of a treaty in which Ulster was not included and was not invited to sign.
Sir James recommended an attitude of courage and optimism. If the people trusted the North Irish Government, they would once more cautiously lead them to victory.

THE WASHINGTON COMPACT.

Australian Premier on "Magnificent Achievement."

Melbourne, December 12.
The Australian newspapers welcome the Pacific treaty and say that it will enable the Commonwealth to proceed with peaceful development.
Mr. Hughes (the Premier) says the treaty is a magnificent achievement, and is especially significant for Australia as it ensures her security.

Yap Question Settled.

Washington, December 12.
The Yap controversy has been settled.
The agreement is in the form of a Japanese-American treaty covering all the islands in which Japan has mandates. It is understood that it gives the United States certain definite rights at Yap, including cables.
The Japanese have announced their willingness to withdraw their post-offices from China on January 1, 1923.

French Delegate Returning.

Washington, December 12.
M. Viviani, opining that the Conference is sufficiently advanced towards its principal objective, has arranged to sail for France on the 14th inst.

Development Respecting Leased Territories.

Washington, December 12.
The Japanese have requested that no Japanese be employed in the Chinese post-offices.
The Far Eastern Committee resumed discussion of leased territories and special spheres of influence in China. The Chinese delegates promised to prepare a list of spheres of influence of which they desire abolition.

The delegates of five Powers, including Signor Schanzer (Italy) and M. Viviani, again discussed the limitation of naval armaments. It is understood that the limitation of the French and Italian Navies was considered. Later, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Hughes, and Baron Kato, at a separate sitting, conferred on the naval question.
M. Sarraut succeeds M. Viviani in the leadership of the French delegation.

No Fortifications at Yap.

The Japanese-American treaty prohibits fortification of Yap, but gives Japan the right to maintain order.

New Naval Committee Appointed.

Washington, December 12.
The disbandment is announced of the naval experts' committee. A fresh committee consisting of delegates of the five principal Powers and experts has been appointed to deal with all naval questions. The British members include Mr. Balfour, Lord Lee, and Rear-Admiral Chatfield.

All the British delegates to the Conference have made arrangements to sail for home on the 31st inst., when it is hoped that the main issues of the Conference will have been concluded.

The naval experts' committee has been abolished in order to expedite the work of the Conference. The experts' committee was only able to discuss technical questions or reach decisions, whereas the new committee will be able to discuss and decide points as they arise.

DARK BLUES WIN THE SOCCER MATCH.

Player Scores While on the Ground.

London, December 12.
At Stamford Bridge in foggy weather before 7,700 people a keen, fast game took place in the inter-Varsity soccer match. Nearing the interval the Oxford goal had several lucky escapes, but at half-time there was no score.

The second moiety had proceeded for half an hour before Holdsworth scored for Oxford with a side tap under the bar. Three minutes later, from a corner, the same player headed through, while five minutes from the end Hurley kicked the ball into the net while Oxford thus won by 3 goals to nil.

A WASHINGTON CONFERENCE ON FINANCE.

Mr. Lloyd George May Attend Proposed Gathering.

London, December 12.
M. Briand's visit to London beginning on the 19th inst. has revived the talk of a new Washington Conference on world finance, as mentioned in previous cables.

No steps have yet been officially taken in London with a view to such a conference, but it is stated in Downing Street that Mr. Lloyd George has not abandoned hope of crossing the Atlantic in the near future.

THE "CULTURED PEARL" AGAIN.

Jewellers Reassure Owners.

London, December 13.
Leading London jewellers have made a statement denying reports that cultured pearls are of equal value to and indistinguishable from Indian pearls and reassuring owners of the latter that their value is unaffected by cultured pearls.

EMPIRE EXHIBITION GUARANTEE FUND.

Remarkable Progress.

London, December 12.
The Empire Exhibition Guarantee Fund has now reached £254,000.
[It is proposed to hold a vast exhibition, commercial and general, at Wembley Park, London.]

THE BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE.

Application of Boxer Indemnity Again Proposed.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, December 12.
According to *Le Journal*, the Government is again examining the question of the reorganization of the Banque Industrielle de Chine. The appropriation for that purpose, the balance of the Boxer indemnity is under consideration.—*Herts.*

THE PRINCE'S INDIAN TOUR.

Passivity at Allahabad.

Allahabad, December 12.
The Prince of Wales paid an informal visit for a few hours on Monday to Allahabad. His Royal Highness alighted at a small station adjoining the Praya, and motored through the city.

A *hartal* (strike) had been proclaimed—truth compels the admission, with complete success. Save for groups of Europeans and occasional more handfuls of upper-class natives, the well-decorated streets of this city of 150,000 inhabitants were practically deserted. All traffic was suspended. The demonstration was quite passive in character.

The Prince's programme was carried through in its entirety without incident. This included a visit to the University, and a reception and loyal address in the pretty Shaniya Government House, an inspection of the Courts of Justice, and a polo match in the afternoon. The same night the Prince left for Benares.

LOANS TO CHINA.

Senator Borah Demands Inquiry.

Washington, December 12.
Senator Borah has introduced a resolution into the Senate demanding an investigation into the loans afforded China through the Consortium, also into the loans already made or being made to China by American banks.

JAPANESE CRUISERS AT LE HAVRE.

Paris, December 12.
The Japanese cruisers Yakamo and Idzumo, the latter being the flagship of Admiral Saito, has arrived at Le Havre from Sherness.—*Herts.*

EX-OFFICIAL EXPELLED FROM CAIRO.

Cairo, December 12.
Mr. Kennedy, ex-Director of Public Works at Khartoum, has been expelled under martial law in connection with a libel case.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Washington, Dec. 12.
The special American jubilation at the conclusion of the Quadruple Pact naturally arises to a large extent from the popular feeling against the Anglo-Japanese Alliance. For this reason, its ratification by the Senate is likely to be facilitated, despite the general realization of the striking similarity between Articles 2 and 3 of the new pact and Article 10 of the League of Nations Covenant and Article 6 of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance respectively. A disposition is also evinced in some circles to regard as a weakness the fact that the pact does not guarantee the integrity of China. The best augury is that Senator Lodge the Senate leader who was largely responsible for the defeat of the Treaty of Versailles, has staked his future on the ratification of the pact by his action on Saturday. The naval ratio question remains unsettled. Japan and the Naval Question.

Tokio, Dec. 12.
Instructions in regard to the naval question which have just arrived disclose nothing beyond an indication that further meetings of the Big Three are necessary before Japan accepts the proposals, but now that the political issue has been cleared up it is hoped that Japan will find it easier to agree to the viewpoints of the other delegations. The next question will be the Franco-Italian navies with special reference to submarines, which promises to produce rather sharp arguments. The Chinese discussions are proceeding normally and the general impression is that all the major business will be completed by the end of the year.
American Press Comment.

New York, Dec. 12.
In an editorial on the Quadruple Agreement the *Tribune* says that to have terminated the Anglo-Japanese Alliance without offence either to Japan or Britain is a diplomatic achievement of great importance. Concerns of this sort need not be limited to the Pacific but can be extended to other parts of the world. The *New York World* says that any firm step forward naturally leads to others. We see next happily foreshadowed by Mr. Hughes the hope that an appropriate agreement will follow regarding China. The *New York Times* says that a Treaty sound and commendable has been concluded for good purposes, which the Senate should ratify unhesitatingly. The Conference now must draft a treaty or agreement assuring China against encroachments on her independence or territory.

Korea's Appeal.

The Korean Commission announces that it has filed with the Conference a formal brief in support of Korea's claim and right to present her case to the conference. It says that, with the brief, went a warning that if the Conference adjourns without a settlement of the Korean problem it will leave the Asiatic Alsace-Lorraine to plague its conscience, threaten its peace and disturb the finality of every adjustment of international relations.
Senator Hitchcock, the Democratic leader in the Senate and a member of the Foreign Committee has declared that he sees no reason to oppose the Quadruple Treaty which was a very mild and good enough way to get rid of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance.

UNREST IN INDIA.

Madras, Dec. 12.
Five more members of Congress have been arrested at Coimbatore.

MOTOR CASES.

To-Day's List.

Sergeant P. Murphy charged the driver of motor car No. 344 before Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning with not sounding his horn when taking a corner. The charge was brought by virtue of a new regulation which requires that drivers should sound their horns at corners.
Evidence was given to the effect that the driver was seen to turn into Garden Road from Lower Albert Road on the evening of the 3rd instant without sounding his horn, which fact was duly noted by the Sergeant who was on duty at that point.

Defendant said he did sound his horn on coming to a standstill past the bend. Asked what purpose that would serve, he said that it was to warn other drivers who might be coming from behind.

His Worship: You don't blow your horn to give signals to the car behind. \$5.

A DANGEROUS SPOT.

The remanded summons against Mr. K. C. Lau's driver for driving in a reckless manner in Cause No. 100 was settled this morning by a fine of \$20 being imposed. Defendant, who had been away to the country, appeared to recall the occurrence with difficulty, but eventually brightened up when the facts were given by Inspector Cashman. Evidence was to the effect that the defendant was scorching down the incline to the east of the Italian Convent at a speed calculated by the Inspector to be 15 miles per hour.

The Magistrate, after pointing out the frequent recurrence of accidents at this spot, inflicted the penalty stated above.

INFERRING A PERMIT.

A new offence was mentioned in a summons against a driver employed by the Wanchai Garage.

It was stated by Inspector Garrod that on the 2nd instant a driver of the Garage in question was seen to take a full load of passengers up to Government House for the Ball in a car that was understood to be used solely for demonstration purposes.

A special permit was obtained from the C.S.P. for demonstration cars, and any use to which these cars might be put outside that stipulated in the permit was an infringement of the regulations. Of course, the Traffic Department could prefer a charge of driving an unlicensed car against defendant. This case was of a serious character as the defendant had been warned previously.

Defendant said that there was a rush for cars on that night, and the only car left was the one used for demonstration purposes. He was assured by the party who engaged it that the occasion was an urgent one.

A fine of \$10 was inflicted.

KOWLOON THEATRE.

A Douglas Fairbanks Picture.

Many people went twice to see Douglas Fairbanks in the breezy comedy, "Say! Young Fellow," when it was shown at the Coronet Theatre, but Kowloon cinema patrons will have the one opportunity only—namely this evening. Never was Doug more dashing, more engaging, or more astonishing than as the enterprising young newspaper reporter who unearths a fraudulent scheme and finds a bride in the process. In the light of the remarkable success achieved by this picture in Hongkong it should draw a crowded house at Kowloon this evening. To-morrow night the theatre has been taken by the St. Andrew's Church Men's Association for an invitation dance. On Wednesday night the second of the series of popular dances will be held.

ROMAN COINS.

Two Roman coins, bearing the effigy of Julius Caesar, have been found at the height of 7,800ft. on a Swiss mountain.

ART EXHIBITION.

Higher Standard Than Last Year.

Although the exhibits at the Art Club Exhibition, held at the City Hall to-day, are not quite so numerous as last year, the standard of work shown is on the whole very much higher. There are about two hundred and fifty pictures on view altogether, and taking them all round, they are a very good collection. Hongkong does not lack artists and out of this description is apparently greatly appreciated in the Colony, for there was quite a number looking around the exhibition when a *Telegraph* reporter was there this morning, amongst whom we noticed the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, taking a great interest.

A number of black and white drawings by Mrs. G. N. Humphreys were very well executed and Miss M. Kirkpatrick's humorous subjects showed a great deal of originality and were very clever. Miss Huxley exhibited a rather good collection of water colours, included among which were a couple of splendid views of West Point and a picture of the Harbour.

There were five pictures bearing the name of Mr. R. G. Edkins, all of which were well executed. A black and white drawing of an old man was his best study and attracted a great deal of attention. Mrs. Aubrey's pictures—mostly garden scenes—were very fine.

Mr. C. H. Cole exhibited twenty-one pictures. His portrait of a lady was a splendid study, but perhaps the best of all was "Reflections," a portrait of a man and the reflection of himself in mirror behind. His charcoal sketches also were quite good.

A number of exhibits by Mrs. C. E. Brown were very much admired and Mrs. Toke's collection was excellent.

Miss Julie Birukova had about forty examples of her skill on view. Her portraits appeared to be exceptionally good, especially that of Mrs. P. A. set of Vasnetsov's illustrations of the "Tale of Vostok Vieg" were exceedingly clever and a number of sketches were charming.

Mr. V. A. Trambitzky's collection, which was rather a large one, was a very fine exhibition of work. "The Dance" and "Coliseum" and a number of similar pictures, the treatment of which were distinctive. His "Interior Sketch" was a splendid piece of work, the reflection being particularly fine.

"A Junk" by Mrs. M. B. Samson, who exhibited only two examples of her work, was a pretty little picture, and Mrs. Marshall Wood's "Les Dents du Midi" was very effective, with blue the dominating colour.

Mr. C. H. Blason also exhibited two pictures, but what he lacked in quantity he made up for in quality. His "Derelict," though very simple, was an exceedingly fine piece of work, and "Fishing" was a splendid study.

A fine collection of oils was shown by Mr. T. G. Purvis, the best example of his work being, perhaps, "Moonlight." Most of the pictures were sea scenes and every one of them was a fine example of his art.

Another fine collection of oils was that of Mr. Arthur de Carvalho. "Fruits," a study of still life, was perhaps his best. There was a deal of work in "Treasures," but some of the simple examples were more attractive, a very fine one being "A Hill Cutting."

Mr. A. Abbas exhibited quite a good collection. A Harbour scene at Wanchai was one of his best examples and an English country scene, though perhaps a little on the bright side, made a very pretty little picture.

Quality and not quantity marked Mr. J. A. Wilde's work. This artist exhibited only two pictures, but they were both wonderful examples of ability with the brush.

A sailing ship in the doldrums was one and the other entitled "Albatross," was a striking scene of rough sea, with the birds swimming over the angry waves.

WISEMAN'S CAFE.

New Quarters Found.

It will be learned with considerable interest that Messrs. Wiseman's have succeeded in securing other premises for their Cafe, pending the building of the premises at present occupied by them and which are due to be demolished by order of the Public Works Department on account of their unsafe condition.

Owing to the big demand for accommodation in the centre of the city it was feared at one time that the Cafe business of the firm would have to be suspended during rebuilding operations, but we learn on sound authority that an arrangement has been come to between the Cafe and Messrs. Shawan, Tomes and Company for the former to take over the ground floor space in St. George's Building, Ice House Street, at present occupied by Messrs. Shawan, Tomes' machinery department. There is found to be ample accommodation here and the seating capacity will give room for about 150 persons.

It is not expected that possession will be taken until some time in the new year.

News in To-day's New Advertisements.

The Kid is coming—Page 7.
"Say! Young Fellow" is the somewhat striking title of the film feature at the Kowloon Theatre to-night—Page 12.

The Holidays during the forthcoming festival season to be observed by the Chinese Maritime Customs are published on Page 4.

Mr. L. Galt having resigned from Establissemens Brossard Mopin, Mr. Ugo Gonella will sign per pro on and after December 15.—Page 4.

St. Stephen's Girls' College Concert Party will give an entertainment at the Seamen's Institute to-morrow evening—Page 4.

Anderson Music Co. have Christmas presents for the Children. Page 4.

"Under Northern Lights" is on at the World Theatre to-night—Page 12.

A notice regarding the ballot for starting times at Fanning will be found on Page 4.

To-Day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 74½d.

The Weather.

2 p.m. Barometer—30.10 Temperature—67. Humidity—75.

Lighting-Up Time.

Lighting-up time to-day 5.40 p.m.

Mrs. B. C. Bird's exhibits showed a great deal of skill. The expression in "A Chinese Child" was true to life and another fine study was "A Son of Hongkong."

"Moonlight" was Mrs. McPherson's best picture, and all her collection showed her usual artistic ability. The reflection of the moon's rays on the water was very realistic. Her temple scenes were certainly the most distinctive pictures in the exhibition, colouring and shading being particularly fine.

Mr. Bowes-Smith exhibited a number of pretty flower studies, and Mrs. Britton's harvest scenes were also very attractive. Mrs. A. Loh's "Seven Capital, Sins"—Fris, Last, Avarice, Envy, Gluttony, Anger, Laziness—were clever pieces of work, and Mr. J. Gonella's "A Picture made of used postage stamps" was original and effective. "The Sunset," "Red Cross Nurses," though perhaps a little stiff, also were good. Mrs. F. O. Bowes exhibited a large number of examples of her work, which included a number of attractive pictures, and Mrs. E. V. Ostrich's views were also well executed.

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**MARTIN'S
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PILLS****RACIAL DISABILITIES
IN HONGKONG.****Straight Talk At A
"Fellowship" Gathering.**

A great deal was heard about racial disabilities in Hongkong at a general meeting of the members of the League of Fellowship and Service held in the old Chamber of Commerce room at the City Hall last evening. The meeting, called for the purpose of amending the rules of the League, developed into a sharp discussion on racial disabilities, in which the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., (the Chairman), Mr. J. P. Braga, and other members pointedly expressed their views.

Mr. Pollock was supported on the platform by Mr. C. Gerkin and Mr. R. H. Kotewall (the Hon. Secretary).

The Chairman opened the meeting by reading out the proposed amendments, which were as follows:

By amending Rule 2 so as to read as follows:—

"2. The objects for which the League is formed are:—

(i) To promote good fellowship and peace between all Nations.

(ii) To promote good fellowship within the Colony, irrespective of race, class, and creed.

(iii) To promote matters which shall be of service to the Community."

By amending Rule 4 by the addition, at the end thereof, of the words:—

"Any person may become a Life Member by paying the sum of fifty dollars."

The Washington Conference.

Dealing with the first object, the Chairman said that they present would remember that they sent a telegram on the morning of Armistice Day to President Harding at Washington. Since then they had been very glad to see that very important developments, tending towards ensuring the future peace of the world, had taken place. He was sure they had all heard with a great deal of satisfaction the proposals relating to a considerable reduction in the naval armaments of America, Japan and Great Britain. Not only would this be a benefit as regards the pressure of taxation upon the three countries concerned but it would serve as a very useful and valuable example to other nations.

Another point upon which it was gratifying to see agreement had been reached was in regard to the insular possessions and insular dominions of the four Powers in the Pacific—America, France, Japan and Great Britain. An agreement had been come to last for a period of ten years, to respect one another's rights relative to the insular possessions and insular dominions in the Pacific, with a proviso for a joint conference being held in the event of any differences arising or any aggressive action being threatened by any other Power. That was undoubtedly a very important agreement.

There had also been held friendly discussions in regard to the territorial and administrative integrity of China. Just at present, it was a little difficult to ascertain how far those discussions had reached the stage of a definite binding agreement, but he was quite sure that all of them in the Colony would be glad if some definite agreement could be reached for the maintenance of the open door in China and equal opportunities for trade for all the Powers. He trusted that at no very distant date China herself would become unified and be able to speak with one united voice in the councils of the nations.

Industrial Institute at Kowloon.

Referring to clause two of the proposed objects, Mr. Pollock announced that it was hoped later on to establish an international club which would be open to all. The object of clause three was to promote matters which would be of service to the community. Definite practical steps were being taken in that connection. The leading Chinese members of the community were earnestly engaged upon a project which would be of service to the community—the establishment of a large industrial institute at Kowloon for boys and girls under the age of 18, Chinese reckoning. The institute would be important from two points of view. In the first place, the institute would take the place of a reformatory for boys. A return placed upon the table at a recent Legislative Council meeting, in answer to a question by himself, showed that from the 1st January, 1920, to 30th September, 1921, there were over 500 boys under the age of 18 who were admitted

to prison in the Colony. The other point was that the industrial institute would be of use in educating and training boys and girls in useful subjects. A certain sum would be collected and they hoped to approach the Government to contribute a like amount and also a site, which would probably be somewhere on the peninsula of Kowloon.

Instruction for Children.

Another subject, Mr. Pollock said, which intimately affected the child labour question was the provision of means of occupation for children during the time when their parents were at work. The suggestion which had been mooted was that an arrangement should be made for utilizing the cinema from 6 a.m. or 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the purpose of giving educational lectures on elementary Chinese characters and sentences, geography, natural history, etc. It was also proposed that teachers should be provided by the Government to explain the pictures and give suitable instruction at intervals and that some form of physical drill might be added. It had been computed that probably about 1,000 children could be accommodated in that way in each of the cinema theatres. Mr. Pollock was quite sure that if such a suggestion could be carried out it would solve to a considerable extent the question of the employment of young children in factories.

A further suggestion made was that a branch of the Royal Asiatic Society should be formed in the Colony. The Chairman mentioned that a branch was in existence from 1849 until 1880 when it ceased to exist and was wound up. In this matter, Hongkong was very much behind Shanghai where, for many years, a flourishing branch of the Society existed. The Chairman concluded by formally moving the amendments.

The Colony "a Nonentity."

The resolution having been seconded,

Mr. J. P. Braga said he was sure they had all listened with considerable interest to the Chairman's comprehensive speech. A good deal of the ground covered by the Chairman, to his mind, might be permitted to say so with due deference, concerned matters which did not closely affect the League of Fellowship and Service. For instance, the question of whether or not it might be expedient to form a branch of the Royal Asiatic Society in Hongkong was a matter entirely outside the scope of that meeting and could better be taken up by some other body. What Mr. Braga considered to be of greater interest to the League of Fellowship was the promotion of goodwill and harmony in this little community of Hongkong. With that end in view he submitted the following amendment to the Chairman's resolution:

By amending Rule 2 so as to read as follows:—

"2. The objects for which the League is formed are:—

(i) To contribute towards the promotion of good fellowship and peace between all Nations.

(ii) To promote good fellowship by seeking the elimination of racial disabilities within the Colony, and otherwise, irrespective of race, class, and creed.

(iii) To promote matters which shall be of service to the Community."

By amending Rule 4 by the addition, at the end thereof, of the words:—

"Any person may become a Life Member by paying the sum of fifty dollars."

Mr. Braga considered that rule two, as the Chairman proposed to amend it, arrogated to the League an importance it did not possess. They could not in this small island seek to promote good fellowship between all nations. They had despatched a telegram from Hongkong to President Harding. He was waiting to hear from the Chairman that a reply had been received, but none had been sent. What better argument could they have for his amendment than that Hongkong was just a nonentity in this world of ours? They could, as His Excellency the Governor explained at the meeting held last month, help to promote an atmosphere of goodwill, but that they could promote good fellowship and peace through their own instrumentality was, as he had already said, too big a task for little Hongkong to take upon itself to perform.

Racial Disabilities.

Mr. Braga, proceeding to deal with object two, said he knew he was talking on thin ice when he introduced the amendment seeking the elimination of racial disabilities. No one was better acquainted than their worthy Chairman that there was a great deal of

racial disability in Hongkong. Whether the Chairman liked to admit it or not, Mr. Braga affirmed that it existed in Hongkong in a very pronounced fashion. (Applause). So long as the League of Fellowship permitted the Peak Reservations Ordinance to stand upon the Statute Books of the Colony they were asking for trouble. (Applause). So long as they created racial distinctions by the reservations on the island of Cheung Chau, they had no business to call themselves a League of Fellowship. So long as they made reservations at Taiipo they were again belying their membership of the League of Fellowship. If they had the courage of their convictions, if they did not pretend to stultify themselves in that League of Fellowship, as they called themselves, no further words of his were necessary to command his amendment to their favourable notice. (Applause).

Mr. Braga added he had not consulted any members upon this matter and relied on the merits of the amendment for its acceptance or rejection.

Mr. M. K. Lo seconded Mr. Braga's amendment. With regard to the Chairman's reference to the Washington Conference, Mr. Lo thought that the chief merit of the Conference was that the people taking part in it were now facing realities and were prepared to make sacrifices. No one in that room doubted that Britain, America and Japan in agreeing to the reduction of armaments were each of them making a great sacrifice. On the question of racial disabilities, Mr. Lo asked the meeting to adopt the amendment put forward by Mr. Braga. As to the promotion of good fellowship among nations he confessed he did not hold the same definite opinion as Mr. Braga did about the task being too ambitious for them. At the same time he saw no harm in the amendment. If they could achieve more so much the better and more to their credit.

The Importance of Hongkong.

The Chairman, replying to Mr. Braga's first point that "Hongkong is a kind of nonentity," pointed out that Hongkong was the first shipping port in the Pacific and amongst the first shipping ports in the whole world. In fact he thought Mr. Balfour stated at Washington that it was the first shipping port in the world. It was also the head office of the chief financial institution in the Far East and the head office of the biggest marine insurance company in the world. With qualifications like that Hongkong need not be in the least ashamed of having sent a message to the Washington Conference. The Chairman was glad that Mr. Braga had asked a question as to whether an answer had been received. No answer had been received as yet. The statesmen of the world, and President Harding in particular, had had something more to do during the last few weeks than to send an answer to a message from Hongkong, but he imagined, in due course, some reply would be received. With reference to Mr. Braga's point about contributing towards good fellowship between nations, he failed to see how they could promote good fellowship unless they contributed towards that object. There was no substantial difference between the two proposals.

An Economic Question.

The Chairman remarked that when Mr. Braga said he (the Chairman) knew of racial disabilities he felt inclined to get up and say he knew of none. Mr. Braga, however, went on, somewhat to his astonishment, to refer to the question of reservations in various parts of the Colony. He should have thought that anyone who had studied the question carefully, would have clearly arrived at the conclusion that it was not a question of imposing racial disabilities but an economic question. He ventured to think there was not a single person in that room who did not realize that the Chinese of the Colony, extremely clever traders and merchants as they were, with their vast wealth far exceeding that of the average European could, if the Peak was thrown open to them to-morrow, buy all British shops who had patiently withstood at building houses and big retaining walls there and had expended a good deal of energy and foresight in selecting sites, from the Peak if the reservations were removed. The same observations applied to Cheung Chau and Taiipo. The Chairman repeated it was not a racial question, but an economic one. "There are hundreds, thousands of rich

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Chinese in Hongkong who would
buy us out of the place." He
entirely dissented from the views
of Mr. Braga and Mr. Lo. He
certainly never regarded the Peak
reservation as being intended to
impose any racial disability on
anyone.

The Chairman's Protest.

Mr. Lo remarked that the ques-
tion was too complicated a one
to deal with in a few words in
seconding the amendment. Al-
though he agreed with most of
Mr. Braga's remarks he did not
agree with all. His views on the
Peak reservation question were
well known.

The Chairman: I understand,
although Mr. M. K. Lo seconds
Mr. Braga's resolution, he does
not entirely support all the views
put forward by Mr. Braga on that
subject. The Chairman added
that it was most disastrous that
such a point of discord should
have been introduced into the
League of Fellowship at their very
first meeting. (Hear, hear). He
thought it was entirely founded
upon misapprehension. The reason
for the reservation was purely
and solely economic.

Mr. Lo said either disabilities
existed or they did not. If they
did not exist what harm was there
in supporting the amendment?

"If I were to support it I should
be committing myself to a state-
ment I entirely disagree with,"
the Chairman replied. "That is to
say, that there are racial dis-
abilities which require to be
eliminated. I must protest against
such an undertaking."

"The Show Horse."

Mr. Braga said when he came
to the meeting he was quite pre-

pared to find his amendment
would be defeated. He asked that
the amendment be put to the vote
and was quite prepared to accept
with all good grace, defeat. "I
have spoken as I have done be-
cause I feel strongly on this mat-
ter. I was aware the reply would
be the question of economic
necessity. That has been the
show horse before. It has been
trotted out on every occasion
when this question of reservation
has cropped up in Hongkong. I do
not think I am yet convinced that
such a thing as racial disability
does not exist. To my mind—and
I claim I have followed with as
keen observation, as perhaps most
residents in the Colony have, the
progress and development of this
island—racial disability does not
exist only in the matter of our
habitations; it exists also in the
commercial and other spheres of
our local activities." (Applause).

The Chairman: What do you
mean? I do not follow you.

Wealthy Corporations.

Mr. Braga: I will proceed to
elaborate my point, Sir. Let us
look around the list of directorates
in Hongkong. We find the same
string of names time after time,
almost with monotonous regular-
ity, submitted for acceptance as
directors of this and that and
other Companies, without regard
to technical or other qualifica-
tions. (Applause). You tell Sir,
of wealth swamping the Peak and
other reservation districts. Haven't we got wealthy corpora-
tions in Hongkong that have ac-
quired property after property for
their more highly placed em-
ployees, and yet the underlings

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SCOTT'S ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION.

Capt. Evans' Lecture at the World Theatre.

A thrilling story of struggle and hardship was told by Capt. E. R. G. Evans, C.B., D.S.O., of H.M.S. Carole, to a crowded audience at the World Theatre last night when he lectured on that memorable and gallant last Antarctic expedition of Capt. R. F. Scott, under whom he served as second in command. The lecture was illustrated by a large number of beautiful slides made from photographs taken by Mr. H. G. Ponting, R.N., and other members of the expedition. The photography was perfect and was in itself a real education.

Capt. Evans told his story in a pleasingly realistic and was listened to with sympathetic and appreciative attention from start to finish.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G.) presided and briefly introduced the lecturer.

Captain Evans, at the outset of his address, explained that the object of Captain Scott's enterprise was mainly scientific and intended to complete and extend former discoveries. Part of his plan was to reach the South Pole by sledge journey, obtaining scientific data on the way. It was on November 20th, 1910, that Scott's good little ship, the Terra Nova left New Zealand on her never-to-be-forgotten voyage with a complement of 59 officers, scientists and seamen. Proceeding southward on the 180th meridian, the first exciting incident occurred on December 2, when a gale was encountered which, in the deeply laden condition of the ship, nearly caused the loss of the expedition. The 30-year-old wooden ship worked so badly in the storm that vast quantities of water found their way into the holds, the pump suction was choked and for two days the fate of the expedition hung perilously in the balance. At the end of that time, when the men had been working incessantly for 24 hours, the gale abated and the ship came through with no loss beyond a couple of ponies and one or two dogs.

Cape Evans.

The first ice was met with in latitude 64 and the great belt of Antarctic pack ice was reached on December 9, in latitude 65. The ship pushed through for some 200 miles, under steam and sail, until her progress was retarded to such an extent that she was holed to in the pack ice for some days in order to save coal. During her sojourn in the icefields, the time was not wasted, for a vast amount of marine biological work, magnetic observations and deep sea soundings was done.

Having passed through 3-6 miles of ice, the Terra Nova entered the Ross Sea and shaped a course for Cape Crozier, Dr. Wilson, the scientific chief, expressing a wish to study the embryology of the Emperor penguins. Scott was prepared to make his base hereabouts, if a suitable landing place could be found. Unfortunately, a heavy swell rendered the position unsuitable and accordingly Scott subsequently chose a little cape for his winter quarters. This place he named Cape Evans, after the lecturer, his second-in-command.

His people laboured with commendable zeal in loading their stores and equipment and in less than a week the main party had their hut constructed, together with fine stables for the score of Siberian ponies which had been brought south, in addition to Scott's Siberian sledge dogs and motor sledges. A depot journey was undertaken now and nearly a ton of sledge provisions was taken out on to the Great Ice Barrier, to a point 144 miles from the base.

A second expedition, under Lieutenant Campbell, was landed and, whilst searching for a suitable landing, the party fell in with the Norwegian explorer, Amundsen, in Nansen's little wooden Fram. After a reference to the meeting of the two expeditions, Captain Evans described the work of the main landing party, under Scott himself. Set off with 15 others, was cut off from his base by the breaking up of the sea ice, which left him stranded in a crude shelter for six weeks of autumn and winter. Nevertheless, the party made the best of the conditions and were in fine health when they made their way back over the newly frozen sea to the Cape Evans base.

Slides illustrating the life of the party in winter quarters and flashlight photographs of seals and ice scenery, pictures of penguins and sledge dogs whirling along in gleaming snow, the individual scientists at work in their extraordinary laboratories, cut, in some cases, out of the solid ice cliff and illuminated with electric light, were thrown upon the screen. At one part of the lecture two pictures were shown, one depicting the lecturer himself, taking observations to determine longitude, in a temperature of 60 degrees below zero and the other showing the timekeeper in snug comfort inside the hut, watching the Siderial clock and waiting the time signal from the observer without, the communication being effected by ordinary telephone.

Terrific Hardships.

During the winter, a special journey was made by Dr. Wilson, Bowers and Cherry-Garrard to Cape Crozier to obtain Emperor penguins' eggs and to study the winter habits of these extraordinary birds, about which so little was known. On this journey the three men endured the most dreadful hardships, actually experiencing a temperature of 77 degrees below zero, with no greater protection than a canvas tent. Picture their hardships, said Captain Evans, "frozen bags to sleep in, frozen footwear and frozen mitts. Their best light was moonlight, for it must be remembered that the sun is absent for four months, in this latitude, during winter. This party faced willingly extraordinary discomforts and dangers for five weeks in the cause of science and when the little band won through and finally returned to Cape Evans, they were almost disfigured by frostbite, lack of sleep and grime from the fumes of their blubber stove."

Starting for the Pole.

The start for the Pole was made on October 24 when Capt. Evans left with the motor sledges to pioneer the way. The motors were not successful, for the expedition took place before perfection had been attained with air-cooled engines. The motor sledges were abandoned after conveying a great weight of stores over rough, slippery and crevassed ice, but they had their uses, for Scott was able to march his ponies without heavy loads over the bad surface to begin with and thus save their legs for the trail over the Great Ice Barrier. The journey Polewards was splendidly organized. Two supporting parties returned after the first 500 miles, when the ascent of the Beardmore Glacier was commenced, with three units of four men pulling 170 lb. per man. This enormous glacier is 150 miles in length and it was overcome without any great effort. On December 21, three teams had reached the King Edward VII Plateau, in latitude 85 deg. 7 min. south, 7,000 feet above the Barrier. Here the upper glacier depot was established and the third supporting party turned homeward.

In the Snow.

Scott, with his two sledge teams, pushed forward, keeping to an average speed of 15 miles a day, with the party dragging loads of nearly 200 lb. per man. On December 23, enormous crevasses were met with. Fortunately, they were well bridged with snow and the party negotiated them in safety. At the snow bridge the explorers frequently fell through up to their armpits. On Christmas Eve, Scott was 8,000 feet above the Barrier and the party congratulated themselves on now being clear of crevasses and pressure ridges, but they felt the cold far more whilst marching than they had done at lower altitudes, experiencing a tingling southerly wind, which constantly caused fingers and faces to become frostbitten and turned the men's breath into cakes of ice on their beards. The work of observing was a bitterly cold business, but everything was taken with a spirit of cheerfulness and unselfishness.

Christmas Day.

On Christmas Day, over 17 miles was covered and one of the party, Lashly, whose 44th birthday it was, fell into a crevasse 8 feet wide. The laden sledge just bridged the chasm and Lashly was suspended below, spinning round, with 20 feet of clear space beneath him. He was hauled up with difficulty. When he reached the surface, one of the party wished him a happy Christmas and another many happy returns. Captain Evans regretted he could not tell the audience what Lashly said in reply.

Plum Puddings.

A description of the Christmas dinner—the only full meal the explorers had—followed it. The most ridiculous incident connected with this meal Capt. Evans said, was the surprise caused by little Bowers when he unrolled two miniature plum puddings which he had carried in a spare pair of socks.

The 87th parallel was reached on New Year's Eve and, continuing the journey until January 4th, Scott realized that the attainment of the goal was within his grasp. He therefore decided to send back the

last supporting party, under the command of Lieutenant (as he then was) Evans. The sledge teams were re-organized, Evans coding one of his men to Captain Scott in order to make quite certain of his leader's success. Although the giving up of a man helped Scott considerably, it nearly spells disaster for the last supporting party. After the first day's homeward march, they found they could not do the necessary distance in the routine marching time of nine hours. They increased the marching time to 12 hours a day. Later on, the party marched 13 and even 14 hours, but the early decision effected their salvation and Evans' party struggled home after covering more than 1,500 miles in harness.

Gallant Seamen.

Evans was overcome by scurvy. He described graphically how his two brave and loyal companions, Lashly and Crean, helped him to win through. These two men dragged their officer for 75 miles on a sledge and, when they dropped from exhaustion, they still had 55 miles to go to the nearest refuge camp. Without the sledge, by superhuman effort, it was perhaps possible for the two men to reach safety, but they refused to leave Evans, in spite of his orders that they were to do so and it became a question of who should go and who should stay.

Eventually, Crean, having perhaps had the lighter share of the sledging work, decided to make the effort. He was given the few biscuits that remained in the food bag and a little chocolate and, with no other food, he marched for 18 hours, through blizzard and storm, to Hut Point, where, providentially, he met with Dr. Atkinson, Demetri, the dog driver and the two dog teams. Crean collapsed at Atkinson's feet and when he recovered he indicated the whereabouts of the two men he had left. The dog teams were galloped out and Captain Evans and Lashly were brought safely in. Atkinson's care and medical knowledge eventually nursed Evans through, although his life was despaired of for months.

At the South Pole.

Captain Evans took his audience back to Scott and explained the adventures and the tragedy which overcame the Polar party itself. Scott reached the South Pole on January 17, 1912, to find, alas, that he had been anticipated by the Norwegians and that Ronald Amundsen had left his flag at the Pole. Scott and his companions had done their best and never from one of them came an uncharitable remark. They started their homeward march of 900 miles on January 19 and they came back at a fine pace over the ice-capped plateau. While descending the Beardmore Glacier, Seaman Edgar Evans fell and sustained a severe concussion and, near the foot of the Beardmore, he died.

"The Very Perfect Gentleman." The brave little band pushed northward with fine perseverance, although they must have realized, by their gradually shortening marches, that little hope of reaching their winter quarters remained. Oates' feet and hands were in a dreadful condition and he gradually became more of a drag on the party. He constantly appealed to Dr. Wilson for advice. Wilson could only tell him to keep slogging on and, when this gallant soldier realized that the safety of Scott, Wilson and Bowers depended on his self-sacrifice, he walked out from the camp during a blizzard and willingly gave up his life to save his three companions beset with hardship.

It was, as Captain Scott wrote, the act of a brave man and an English gentleman. Oates' sacrifice took place on March 17. The remaining three fought on until March 21, only covering 20 miles in the four days and then were forced to camp 11 miles south of a depot where nearly one ton of provisions had been stored. They were kept inactive by a blizzard which was so violent they could not leave their tent. This fearful storm continued for nine whole days.

Scott's Tragic End. Between March 25 and March 29, Captain Scott wrote his great message to the public, after which Scott, Wilson and Bowers lay down in their sleeping bags and calmly awaited death, their food gone, their fuel exhausted and no hope of salvation remaining to them.

Capt. Evans concluded his lecture with brief description of the adventures of Lieutenant Campbell's northern party, a thrilling enough story in itself, and paid a tribute to other parties and to those who worked on board the Terra Nova, ably and loyally assisting the expedition, whose members had for their common motto: "Pull together and play the game." In thanking Captain Evans on behalf of the audience, His Excellency, the Governor, said they all

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Singapore, Dec. 12.

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It is now officially announced by the Management of the Canadian Pacific Steamships Limited that the new German passenger steamer "Tirpitz" 19,300 tons register, launched in 1920 and purchased by the Company from the Reparations Board for their Vancouver-Hongkong service, will be definitely christened "Empress of Australia", not "Empress of China" as previously advised.

Aside from the patriotic aspect lent by the new name and its peculiar suitability when used for a vessel running in conjunction with the new big "Empress of Canada", as representing the two great Commonwealths within the British Empire, the adoption of a new name for a new steamer tends to prevent confusion in the public mind with well known but defunct units of the Company's old fleet.

Both the "Empress of Canada" 22,000 tons register and the "Empress of Australia" 19,300 tons register, are expected to join the "Empress of Russia" and "Empress of Asia", each 16,850 tons register, in April-May of the coming year, thus establishing practically a fortnightly service of large fast "Emperesses" on the Vancouver-Hongkong berth. Schedule of sailings will be announced by the Company as quickly as possible.

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OIL FUEL SHIPS.

Ten Times More To-day than in 1914.

A feature of the annual report of Lloyd's Register of Shipping is the large percentage increase in new oil-burning ships and conversions of coal fuel vessels for use of oil.

The number and tonnage of all ships built last year (to June 30, 1921) show a 25 per cent decline on 1919-20. There were 911 vessels of 3,245,130 tons, compared with the previous year's record total of 4,250,000 gross tons, surveyed and classed by Lloyd's surveyors and committees.

AMERICA'S LEAD. Of these 911 ships, 841 were built in the following countries:—

Vessels.	Tonnage.
United States	240 1,219,270
United Kingdom	439 1,163,590
Japan	70 356,180
Holland	47 162,239
British Dominions	45 159,000

In ownership of tonnage, as well as in tonnage built, America heads the list, though Britain owns a greater number of vessels:—

Vessels.	Tonnage.
United States	223 1,160,370
United Kingdom	309 678,698
Japan	62 312,850
British Dominions	47 162,239
Holland	37 137,633

Ten vessels of over 10,000 tons each were classed in the past year, against only one such vessel in the year before.

Uncompleted tonnage at the end of June totalled 4,235,511 tons gross, but this includes about 704,000 tons on which work was suspended from one cause or another, so that the tonnage actually under construction was only about 3,531,000 tons gross.

FEWER ORDERS.

This total is illusory as a criterion of building activity in the near future, for there is a great falling off in new orders.

Plans for new vessels passed by the society in the past 12 months indicate a slump in orders without precedent in the history of the society.

Vessels built last year on the Isherwood system of longitudinal framing numbered 122 of 778,666 tons gross, against 121 of 740,340 tons in the previous year. Seventy-nine of the 122 were oil-tankers.

Oil-tankers of all types built to class during the year amounted to 112 of 614,464 tons gross, or over 18 per cent of the total tonnage classed.

A total of 353 ships, representing 1,867,115 gross tons or 58 per cent of the total tonnage of new vessels classed in the year under review—were fitted for burning oil fuel.

OVER 12,000,000 TONS USING OIL. But many older ships are being converted from coal to oil burning, as is shown by a table of the total ships now using oil compared with 1914:—

July.	Gross tonnage of oil-fuel vessels.
1914	1,310,809
1919	5,336,678
1920	9,359,334
1921	12,796,635

If all these ships, now using oil, were using coal, they would consume about 20,000,000 tons a year, or 8.7 per cent of the United Kingdom's total output in 1920.

Vessels built to class during the past years, and fitted with oil-engines, numbered 34, of 101,608 tons. Twelve of these were ships of large size, totalling 83,739 tons gross. All 34 were fitted with oil engines, using heavy oil, except three of 536 tons, fitted with paraffin motors.

OIL AHEAD OF COAL. Of all steamers built to class during the year under review, those propelled by oil fuel exceeded in total tonnage—for the first time—those fitted with boilers for use of coal only.

Except three steamers, totalling 8,581 tons, all vessels built to class in the United States during the same period were fitted for burning oil.

Another fact mentioned in the report is that 167 Admiralty trawlers and drifters, originally built for mine-sweeping have been re-conditioned. In the same way a number of ex-Admiralty mine-sweepers, sloops, patrol

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gunboats, and "Q" boats, built during the war, have been converted into combined cargo and passenger vessels for coasting service in various parts of the world.

LOOTING ON UPPER YANGTZE.

Foreign Firms Suffer. Ichang, Nov. 25.

Ichang, which is a district city situated about 30 miles down the great river from Ichang, was partly looted by the troops kept in barracks there on the night of November 21-22.

The troops concerned were the 9th Regiment of the 5th Brigade, and their commander was Colonel Chang Pu-yu, who was in Ichang at the time of the occurrence. It is considered that two companies of the regiment, both of which were in quarters outside the city wall, took part in the looting. They began shortly after midnight to fire off their rifles. This was probably a signal to the troops quartered within the city walls to join in, but they did not respond.

The principal business street in Ichang is outside the West Gate of the city, and it was this street that suffered. In all 25 shops were entered and looted, mostly of the ready money that was to be found in their strong boxes and rooms.

An attempt was made to set fire to the premises occupied by the Asiatic Petroleum Co., but the employees were able to extinguish the fire before it had assumed any great dimensions.

AMOUNTS COLLECTED. The greatest amount of money was taken from the temporary dwellers in an inn called Teh Hsin Hsiang. The total is computed at 20,000 strings, and was the property of merchants who had recently come to purchase goat skins. The next serious loss was sustained by the agent of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., who reported that he had lost in

notes, silver and copper an aggregate of nearly \$8,000. The agent of the Standard Oil Co. lost \$6,000 tiao, about \$3,000; the agent of the B. A. T. Co., something like \$400, and the looters helped themselves to a good supply of cigarettes. These three were the only foreigners to suffer. The only person wounded was a man named Tseng in the Standard Oil Co.'s premises. He was shot through the leg.

Another merchant, who is agent for the Nanyang Bros. Co. and also agent for a Japanese firm that purchases wood varnish was relieved of over \$2,000 and two gold rings. A smaller merchant lost about 1,000 tiao, and the looters took his wife's jewelry, actually taking her marriage ring from her finger.

Later about 20 or 30 of the men escaped by boat and crossed the river to the village of Peiyang, where they looted three shops and the telegraph office there. Two rifles were recovered at this village by the police, and later a party of loyal soldiers who came after the mutineers were brought to follow them up on the road to Tangyang, but they refused to do so.

The looting continued for about a couple of hours, when the Colonel turned out with some loyal troops, and stopped the plundering.

One N. C. O. is reported to have been shot by the mutineers when they went to him to demand ammunition, which he refused to hand over to them.

Next day a company of soldiers was sent down from Ichang, and it is now reported that the Kweilee, which is bringing up 600 more troops from Hankow, has been ordered to stop at Ichang and disembark them there.

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RACIAL DISABILITIES IN HONGKONG.

(Continued from Page 2.)

the bottom dogs, crying like a voice in the wilderness, are denied a roof over their heads because they cannot provide it out of their \$100 or \$150—their pitance of a salary. Do you, sir, not call those disabilities? Call them racial, call them whatever name you please, to me they are nevertheless disabilities.

The Chairman: You are speaking of racial disabilities.
 Mr. Braga: Yes, but it is a very fine point, sir. I recognise it as such. I find equal opportunities are not afforded in Hongkong as they should be afforded.

Mr. J. H. McGuigan said it seemed to him there was not much fellowship existing in Hongkong or anywhere else at the present time, and it was cropping up pretty clearly that night. He did not altogether see eye to eye with Mr. Braga on the question of racial disability. He thought the Chairman had showed that it was class disability. If there was no need for the removal of race disability there was a need for the removal

of class disability. The Chairman had said that it was an economic question and that certain rich men would be buying the others out. "It would not be very hard to buy me out," remarked Mr. McGuigan amid considerable laughter. Mr. McGuigan considered they were whittling down the objects of the League. They wanted to promote social reform. Perhaps social reform was a rather revolutionary object. "If there are disabilities, it is very evident we can have no fellowship until those disabilities are removed. What fellowship can exist between the people on the Peak—I do not care whether they are British, Portuguese or Chinese—and the rickshaw coolies? You can only obtain fellowship by removing the disability which enables some people to get rich without working and compel other people to work hard and remain poor all their lives." They had heard that Hongkong was the greatest shipping port in the world. Hongkong had a splendid opportunity if they had men with wide imagination and high ideals. They could set an example to China by showing that Hongkong could be governed so as to promote the welfare of the whole com-

munity and remove gross inequalities. "How do the people here live?" Mr. McGuigan asked. "Packed like sardines in boxes. In fact I do not think they are all packed in boxes, because many are to be found lying on the footpaths. That is a disgrace to those responsible. We cannot talk about fellowship until we have abolished this state of affairs."

Rickshaw Pullers as Peak Residents.

The Chairman: I am not quite clear from Mr. McGuigan's remarks whether we are all of us to pull rickshaws in Queen's Road or whether the rickshaw coolies and others should go and live on the Peak. I am not quite clear whether we are to go down or up. I do not think we should make a very good living as rickshaw coolies.

Mr. McGuigan: I want to see everybody have equal opportunities and let the best man get to the top. What we find now is that the men who render most service to the community are very poor and the men who do no work at all are at the top. (Applause).
 The Chairman: That is all right as a piece of rhetoric but I do not see how we are to put the rickshaw coolie in such a position that he has all the opportunities Mr. McGuigan has had throughout his life. The Chairman congratulated Mr. McGuigan on making good use of his opportunities so far as public speaking was concerned. He, however, wished to point out that the question of class disability was alien to the subject under discussion.

Mr. Braga withdrew the first point in his amendment but pressed that relating to racial disabilities. On being put to the meeting Mr. Braga's amendment was carried by 25 votes to 21. Many present abstained from voting.

The other objects were passed as proposed.

Who Invited His Excellency to be Patron?

The next business was the election of officers.
 After Mr. Pollock had been unanimously confirmed in office as President, on the proposition of the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak seconded by Mr. Chow Shou-son, the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald said it had been announced that His Excellency the Governor had been made patron of the Society. He should like to know by whom that was done. The Society had not done it.

The Chairman: His Excellency was, of course, invited.

Mr. Macdonald: By whom, sir?

The Chairman: I saw His Excellency the Governor.
 Mr. Macdonald said he was sorry to introduce discord. It was unnecessary for him to explain that there was nothing personal in his remarks about the Governor. If the League came up against the Government it seemed to him an awkward situation, might arise. Quite apart from that he did not think any step should have been taken without anybody having been consulted. It had placed them under official patronage and he was bound to say he had hoped they might keep away from it. "Let us have one thing in this Colony that is not run from Government House," Mr. Macdonald added.

The Chairman pointed out that His Excellency the Governor was present at the meeting when they decided to send a telegram to the Washington Conference in his capacity as patron and not as Governor of the Colony. He did not quite understand Mr. Macdonald's point. Did he mean to say that they should have no patron at all?

Mr. Macdonald: No, I did not say that, Sir. I said it should be

left to the Society to decide what it is going to do.

Mr. F. B. Silva Netto: I take it the promoters asked His Excellency the Governor to be patron before the Society or League was formed?

The Chairman: That is quite correct. Mr. Silva Netto has expressed it quite correctly—those who promoted the Society.

Mr. Macdonald: I think I was one of those. Go on, Sir, I do not want to delay the meeting.

The Chairman: I think you will find, Mr. Macdonald, that when you became a member you knew of this fact.

Mr. Spradbury said it was plain to everybody that the Governor had the interests of the community as a whole at heart and had shown his practical interest by the help he had afforded.

Mr. Macdonald said that was not his point at all. It placed him in a false position to raise it.

After some further discussion the meeting proceeded to the election of officers. Mr. C. Gerkin and Mr. R. H. Kocswell were re-elected Hon. Secretaries and thanked for their services in the past, and Mr. Gerkin Hon. Treasurer.

The Chairman submitted fifteen names for the Committee.

Mr. McGuigan considered they wanted some one more in touch with the common people than "the crowd of names" the Chairman submitted, and proposed that Mr. Macdonald be placed on the Committee.

Mr. Silva Netto seconded.

Mr. J. P. Braga's name was also put forward.

During the course of the discussion the Chairman observed that he should like to see Mr. McGuigan practising what he preached.

Miss Pitts and Mr. Hughes having withdrawn, the following were elected on the Committee: Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak, Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen, Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-son, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. Chau Suk-ki, Mr. C. Montague Ede, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, Mr. G. N. Orme, Mr. W. L. Pattenden, Mr. S. W. Tso, Mr. U. Rampham, Mr. J. P. Braga and Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa.

AN EXCELLENT ARREST.

Indian Boys Commended.

First-class Petty Officer Frank Patterson, of H.M.S. Carlisle, charged two ricksha coolies before Mr. E. E. Lindsell yesterday with the theft of his watch.

Complainant knew nothing about the theft. He engaged a ricksha outside the Naval Cantonment at 6 p.m. on Saturday, he said, and no recollection of what happened after he got into the ricksha as he was under the influence of liquor.

The circumstances of the case as related by two independent witnesses, were that at 4.45 p.m. S. Abbas, a clerk in the Indian Recreation Club in Sookoonpo Valley when they noticed a ricksha light at a distance in Coffee Plantation. When they arrived at the spot where the light had been glimmering they found Petty Officer Patterson lying in an unconscious state across the road and a ricksha being pulled away. Leaving the drunken man on the ground the two Indian boys ran after the ricksha of which the second defendant was the puller. The first defendant was walking beside the ricksha and when the Indians approached both he and the second defendant bolted. A chase followed and ended in the arrest of the second defendant near No. 1 Police Station. The first defendant escaped, but was finally run to earth near the Hong-

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Willesden Council have granted permission to street stalls for the sale of hosiery, eggs, and salad, but have refused permission to sell blouses.

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 but the results are too misgiving
 ambiguous and childish to waste
 good electric light on longer
 over them, so I'm for bed.

Good night.

ON THE WATERFRONT.

Well-known Residents Return to-day.

Commander and Mrs. C. W. Beckwith and two children, who have been on leave since February, returned from home by the N. Y. K. Miahima Maru this morning. Commander Beckwith quickly got into harness and took a couple of Marine Court cases in the course of the forenoon.

Mr. J. A. Tarrant, secretary for Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Mrs. Tarrant and daughter also returned by the Miahima Maru as did Mr. G. Layton.

Passing Through.

By the N.Y.K. steamer Kamakura Maru arrived Mr. Frederick F. Ferris on his way to Britain. Mr. Ferris has been for a year past adviser to the Imperial Japanese Marine Corporation and before he left Japan he was received by Prince Higashi Fushimi, honorary president of the Corporation, who presented him with an autographed portrait and a souvenir. At a luncheon held at the Imperial Club in Tokyo Mr. Yonejiro Ito, president of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, said that during the year of Mr. Ferris's stay in Japan the tonnage of the vessels classed with the Japanese Corporation had increased to about 130,000 tons gross, and that this was very largely the result of Mr. Ferris's efforts. They were deeply indebted to him for his work.

Another passenger by the Kamakura Maru was Mr. Kravensky, Russian Ambassador at Tokyo, who is going to Marseilles.

The Nanking's Passengers. The China Mail Steamer Nanking sailed from Hongkong yesterday to San Francisco via waypoints with a record first class passenger list of 156 passengers and 223 steerage and a fairly good cargo. Among the prominent passengers from this port were—

Mr. Strowbridge who is an Attorney at Law at Portland, Oregon, returning to the United States after a business trip to the East.

Mr. Raines, one of the staff of Messrs. Thos. Cook & Son, who is proceeding to Yokohama on Company's business.

Mr. H. H. van Kell who is proceeding to Kobe to take his position in the Netherlands India Commercial Bank as Accountant.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crandall who are returning to the United States after a short visit to the Far East.

Mrs. Leach, the wife of the Doctor of the Nanking, returning home after a short visit to the East.

Shortening The Pacific Run. The local office of the Admiral Line is in receipt of advice to the effect that commencing with the Silver State sailing from Hongkong for Seattle on January 1, all vessels operated by this company will make the run in nineteen days. This is shortening the voyage of Admiral Line steamers one whole day. The Admiral Line is working further on schedule, and the local office expects shortly to hear of a further reduction in the homeward voyages.

Rate-Cutting on Calcutta Run.

The competition between the Osaka Shosen Kaisha and the shipping companies in the Calcutta rate conference seems to have been resumed with redoubled vigour since the company was refused admission to the conference. The O.S.K. applied in August for entrance to the conference, but there was such a delay on the part of the organisation that the big Japanese company decided to cut rates and fight the conference. Following that action the conference refused the company admission. Rivalry is steadily growing and we are told that when the N. Y. K. freighter Tanshima Maru, which left here yesterday, departed for India from Kobe the O. S. K. Kitajima Maru left at the same time.

Cargo. The Miahima Maru which, by the way, brought some Christmas mail, had 835 tons of cargo for Hongkong—steel bars, angle iron, paints, silver etc. The Kamakura Maru had 628 tons of goods of nut seed, small beans, hemp seed etc.

Tried to Prevent Seizure. The mistresses of two cargo boats were charged before Commander C. W. Beckwith in the Marine Court this morning with throwing articles into the harbour for the purpose of preventing seizure.

L. A. 38, Harry E. Langley, arrested both yesterday. In the first case he made for the sampsun because he had his suspicions. He saw something

CHINESE NEWS.

New Note Issue.

Our Canton correspondent reports that a lithographic firm has received an order from President Sun Yat-sen to print several millions of notes of one dollar each. The first million must be delivered during December. It is believed that the expeditionary forces will be paid with these new notes. At a military meeting held on Friday last, Gen. Chan King-ming decided to decrease the units in various forces. The first reduction of 30% will take place in December, all the officers and units will be paid up to that month with one month's extra pay in lieu of notice.

Information from Wuchow states that three former Kwongsi commanders have agreed to surrender to the Civil Governor on condition that their forces will be formed into a Division, and sent to take part in the Northern Expedition. Negotiation between the envoys is progressing.

A Peking telegram says that Lening Shu-yao has found means to assist the Communication Bank, and that the redemption of notes will take place shortly.

A Shanghai telegram reports that the Hankow ricksha coolies have gone on strike. No settlement is at present in view. A coolie Guild is in course of organization, and it is feared that the strike will spread and become serious.

We take the following from the Canton Times—

General Tang Chi-yao proceeded to Liu-chow with his assistants from Wuchow on 9th afternoon. General Tang is very anxious to meet President Sun in Kweilin to discuss important questions concerning the Northern Expedition. At first, the party proposed to start the journey directly to Kweilin but as the rivers flowing along the route are not deep enough to run a motorboat in winter time it is therefore considered a quicker journey to approach Kweilin through Liu-chow.

As the five cent nickel pieces coined by the Canton mint are so convenient for the business market, a greater amount is in demand. The Commissioner of Finance has determined to produce more nickel coins to meet this demand and the Civil Governor is requested to announce to the public that no discount on the face value of the nickels will be allowed. Illegal coinage is also strictly prohibited.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

The Minister of Labour, who has charge of one of the Government's Bills to relieve the unemployment problem, is among the few "suburban" members of the Cabinet. Most of his colleagues live in the fashionable quarter of London, but Dr. Macnamara retains his pleasant yet unpretentious home at Herne Hill. Although further from Whitehall than other Ministers, "Dr. Mac" does not use a car to reach Montagu House, but comes in by train to the City most mornings, occasionally using the motor bus. As he has now been a Minister for nearly 15 years, his upright figure is well known on the Herne Hill platform.

On November 2, 1772, a clergyman edited the first issue of a London newspaper, which is alive and flourishing to celebrate its entry into its 150th year. The newspaper is the Morning Post, London's oldest living newspaper, and its first editor, the Rev. Sir Henry Bate-Dudley—whose portrait by Gainsborough is in the National Portrait Gallery—was well suited for the journalism of the day, says a Home Journal which evidently does not include the London Gazette among newspapers. At that time people who felt aggrieved by newspaper criticism did not take the case to court, but to the duelling ground. The Rev. Sir Henry Bate-Dudley fought so many duels that he became known as the Fighting Parson. His successor in the editorial chair was also a clergyman.

attached to a long rope thrown overboard and found drowning. The second defendant was arrested later in the day after a chase during which she took no notice of half a dozen calls to stop. A search of the boat revealed 320 lbs of coal. A fine of \$5 with the alternative of 10 days' hard labour was imposed in each case.

In Wireless Communication. The following vessels were in wireless communication with the port at 2.30 p.m. to-day:—Nanking, Yamayata Maru, Gleniffer, Peking Maru, Tjilboek, Glenogle.

STEAMERS COLLIDE.

Korea Maru And Katuna.

Information had been received in Hongkong of a collision between the T. K. K. steamer Korea Maru and the Katuna in Keelung harbour which resulted in serious damage to the latter vessel, one of the Ellerman Line steamers for which the Bank Line, are agents. Apparently the Korea Maru only sustained slight damage, for her departure from Keelung for Shanghai was not delayed.

Enquiries made by our representative at the T. K. K.'s office yesterday elicited the information that the Korea Maru arrived at Keelung from Hongkong at daylight on the 9th, and ran into the Katuna, which was lying at anchor. The Korea Maru left Keelung at 7 p.m. the same day for Shanghai en route for San Francisco, while temporary repairs were made at Keelung on the Katuna, which is expected to arrive at Hongkong to-day. Probably she will have to be "docked" on arrival. Particulars as to the circumstances attending the collision or the extent of the damage suffered by the Katuna are not available.

A HONGKONG SCHOOL MASTER.

Prof. H. W. Turnbull M. A., whose appointment as Professor of Mathematics at St. Andrew's University has just been announced from home, was on the staff of the Church Missionary Society in Hongkong from 1911 to 1915. He was Assistant Master at St. Stephen's College, Hongkong, later holding the dual position of Warden of St. John's Hall and Mathematics Master of St. Stephen's College. Prof. Turnbull also lectured in Mathematics at the University and was well known in the Colony as a cricketer.

Prof. and Mrs. Turnbull were also known to many in Hongkong as pianists of no mean order. They left for home in 1915 owing to ill health, and went to Repton School. Prof. Turnbull has since been a Government Inspector of School in England, a lecturer at Oxford University, and latterly a master at Shrewsbury School. Before coming to Hongkong Prof. Turnbull had a brilliant scholastic career at Cambridge University, being Smith's prizeman, second Wrangler, and coming out First, defeating the Senior Wrangler, in the second part of the same Tripos Examination.

NOTABLE COMPOSERS.



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Although Grieg reflects the modern spirit in his music, the national flavor of the Norwegian folk song is ever apparent.

MORNING, "PEER GYNT."

Grieg's greatest composition was the incidental music, written for Ibsen's drama, "Peer Gynt." The success of this work led the composer to group several numbers in the form of two concert suites. "Morning" is the first number in the first suite, and depicts the dawning of day. A charming and simple melodic phrase is here repeated, with ever growing intensity, which well describes the rising of the sun.

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GODOWN BURGLED.

Much Cloth Stolen.

Ten boatmen appeared before Mr. J. K. Wood at the magistracy yesterday on a charge of breaking into a godown at 404, Des Vaux Road West, first floor, and stealing therefrom 54 rolls of cloth valued at \$684, the property of the Kwong Yuen Tai firm. An additional charge of receiving the stolen cloth was also preferred against all defendants.

It was stated by Inspector Appleton that when he examined the roof of 404, Des Vaux Road West, on the 7th inst. he discovered that the tiles had been removed in two places and a hole, two feet square, had been made, one of the rafters had been sawn through and part of it removed. Lying near one of the large wooden upright supports in the godown he found two broken empty packing cases and another which had been opened, but the contents of it were intact. A rope was found outside the building, suspending from a small iron bridge which connected No. 404 with the adjoining building. Inspector Appleton suggested that the rope had been a means of escape for the burglars in the event of alarm. The burglars probably got up to the roof of No. 404 through the adjoining house, in the back yard of which the police found several ladders. Three days after the burglary Inspector Appleton, with a party of police, searched a nightsoil junk lying off French Street and found on board pieces of cloth similar to those stolen from the godown. Six men were on board and all of them arrested. Four constables were placed on the boat to watch. Action upon certain statements made by two of the arrested men the Inspector went by Police launch to Gindrinker's Bay and there boarded a deserted night-soil boat. Under the floor in the aft cabin seven sacks, containing 31 rolls of cloth, were discovered. On the morning of the 10th, between 5.45 and 6.10, four

more men were arrested on the first night soil boat and brought to the station. A visit was next paid to the 2nd floor of 163 Third Street and there the wife of one of the arrested men unlocked a box and handed over to the Inspector two more rolls of cloth. Later in the day a tailor's shop at No. 32, Po Tack Street was searched and ten pieces of cloth bearing certain distinctive trade marks were found, made up read for delivery.

Evidence was given by the godown keeper with regard to the discovery of the burglary. Certain articles hanging on the support, he said, were disturbed and a crow bar was found near the packing cases.

A tailor, of 32, Po Tack Street, said that on the 8th December, one of the defendants visited a shop, bringing with him several pieces of cloth cut up ready for machine stitching. Defendant asked him to make two pair of trousers and two jackets for him. After further evidence the case was adjourned until this afternoon.

TESTIMONIAL TO "O.O.M." OF BRITISH CHESS.

Subscriptions to a testimonial to be presented to Mr. J. H. Blackburne, the "Grand Old Man" of British chess, at the 50th anniversary of his birthday, are being invited by the City of London Chess Club.

JURIDICAL REFORM IN CHINA. It is stated that, following the decision arrived at by the Washington Conference regarding the abolition of extra-territorial rights in China, the Ministry of Justice will hold a national conference on juridical reform at an early date. This conference, which will be wide in its scope, will include the chief members of the judiciary throughout the Republic, who will be summoned to Peking for the occasion.

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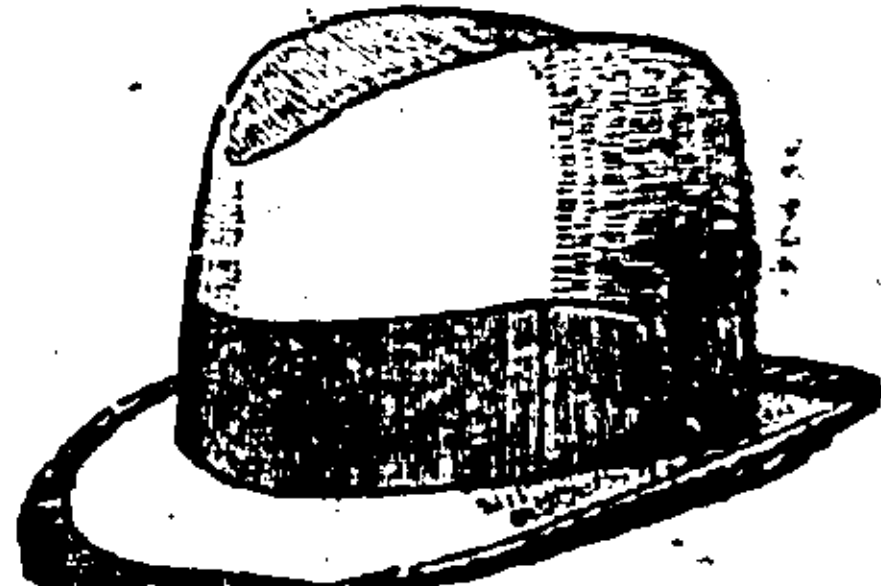
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CAMERA NEWS



The body of America's Unknown Soldier being placed in a lorry at Chalons, France, by French soldiers. Thence it was escorted to the U. S. Cruiser Olympia for the journey to Washington, where ceremonies were held on Armistice Day.



John D. Rockefeller, Jr., snapped with Hsu Shih Chang, Chinese president, who welcomed the American at the opening of the Peking Union Medical College, gift of the Rockefeller Foundation.



Admiral Batty and his American wife, the former Ethel Field of Chicago, snapped as they rode through the streets of New York on their arrival from England. Cheering crowds lined the route.



In Britain, too, there are thousands of men hunting work without success. Police are shown taking to the station one of the jobless men who led the recent riot in London.



Wedding and honeymoon pictures of William B. Leeds, heir to American millions, and Princess Xenia, of Greece. Above, London honeymoon picture. Below, at the wedding, Princess Christopher, Leeds' mother, the bride and groom and, in front, Prince Peter of Greece.



Hungary chased Ex-Emperor Carl away when he returned. Admiral Horthy, the country's dictator, has better luck. He gets flowers from fair maidens.



A PICTURE FROM IRELAND. Now that the Irish question has been settled, drilling as above will no doubt be abandoned.

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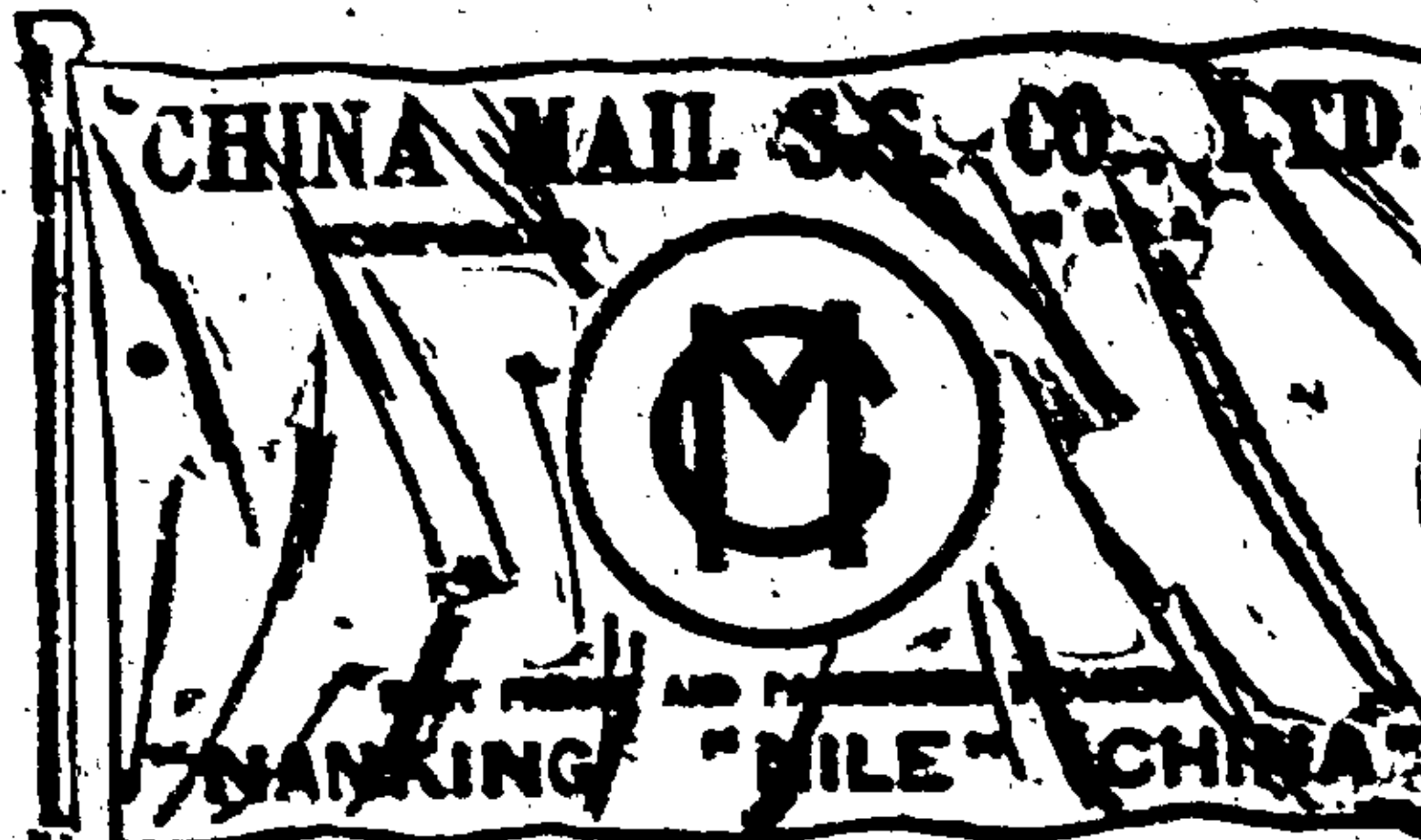
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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

APPEAL FOR LOWER RAILWAY RATES.

Newcastle Chamber of Commerce is to appoint a committee of traders to try and induce the North-Eastern Railway Company to grant concessions in regard to railway rates.

BRUSSELS EXHIBITION.

The Chinese Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce has instructed all Chambers of Commerce to start their collections of products and manufactures for the exhibition at Brussels in February. Special attention is to be paid to tea and silk.

INTERNATIONAL CURRENCY EXCHANGE.

The International Currency Exchange at Hankow has been organised by British, Chinese and Japanese merchants with a capital of \$5,000,000. Its temporary offices are established on Yangtze Road. It is not yet decided whether the Exchange will be incorporated under Japanese or British law.

COMMERCIAL CONDITIONS IN CENTRAL EUROPE.

A Nauen message says: The Wirth Government has prepared a bill to be introduced into the Reichstag concerning the prohibition of trade espionage throughout Germany. The bill provides full protection to German industry while most severe penalties will be inflicted on commercial spies. Soviet Russia, according to advices from Moscow will make another great effort to resume commercial as well as diplomatic relations with China. On account of his alleged failure as head of the Russian Mission in Peking, Mr. Yourin has lost his favour and position among the Soviet leaders. The Lenin administration has dispatched Mr. Joffe to Siberia with the ultimate aim of sending him over to China to resume commercial negotiation with the Chinese Government authorities. In China, Mr. Yanso has succeeded Mr. Yourin as acting Foreign Minister.

GERMAN CHEMICALS.

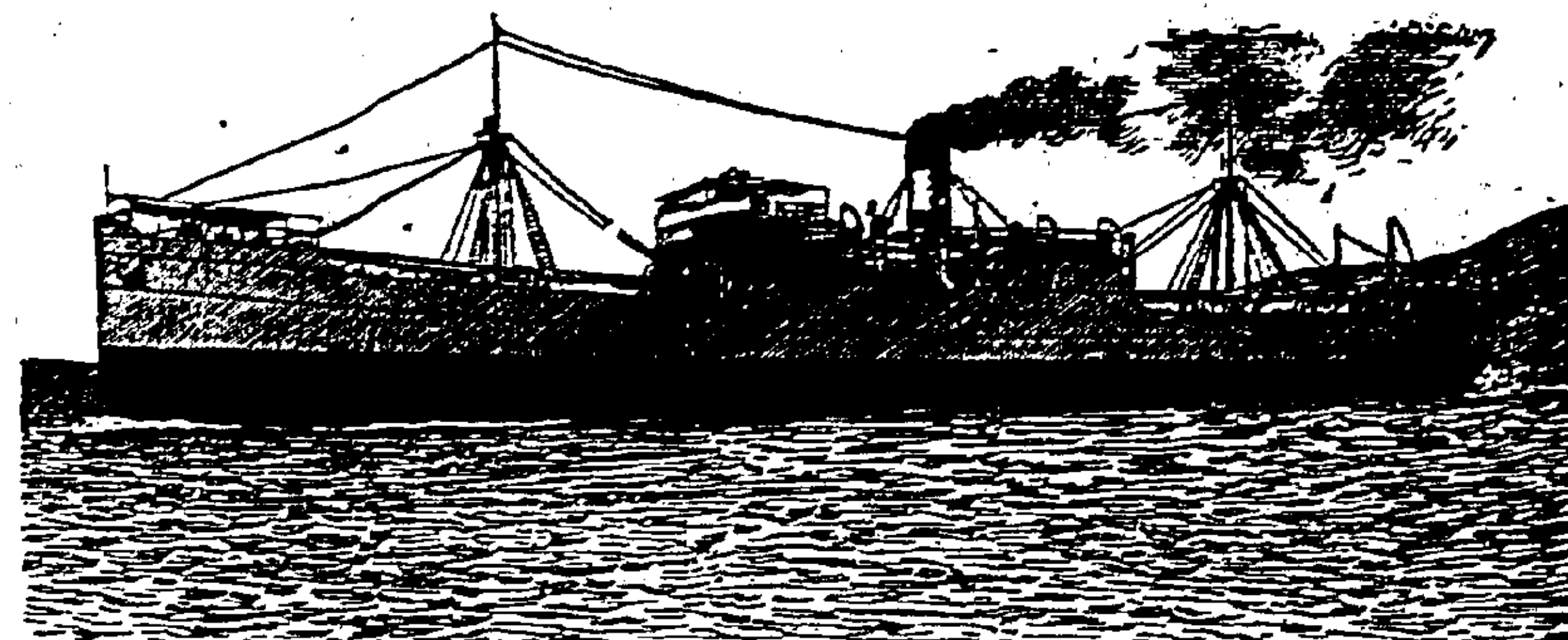
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HAMBURG via LONDON & ROTTERDAM.
LIMA MARU Thursday, 19th January.

LIVERPOOL via MARSEILLES.
KAMAKURA MARU Tuesday 13th December.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Zamboanga, Thursday
Island, Townsville & Brisbane.

TANIGO MARU	Tuesday, 20th Dec.	at 11 a.m.
NIKKO MARU	Tuesday, 17th Jan.	at 11 a.m.

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NEW YORK via Suez.
TSUYAMA MARU Monday, 2nd January.

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AWA MARU	Tuesday, 20th December.
TAMBA MARU	Monday, 2nd January.

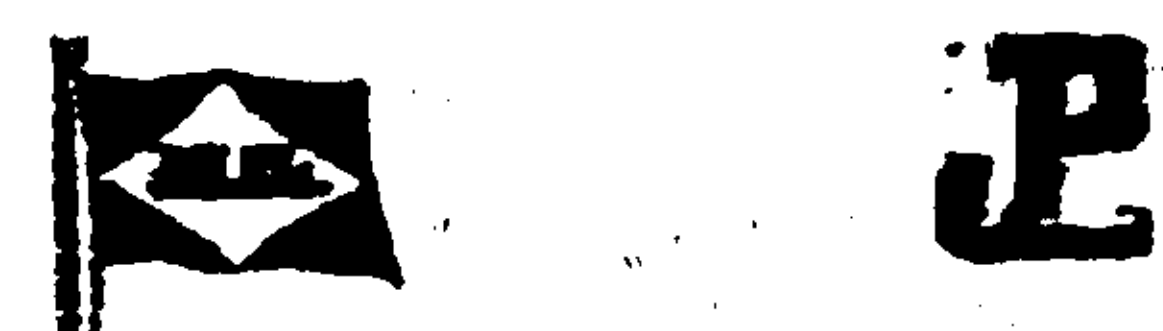
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
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NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
NIKKO MARU Friday, 16th Dec., at 11 a.m.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
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Methven	Java	14th Dec.	17th Dec.	B'via direct
Tjirmanoeck	S'hai/Amoy	15th Dec.	22nd Dec.	Saigon
Sapara	Java	15th Dec.	22nd Dec.	Japan via S'hai
Tjilwong	Java	20th Dec.	22nd Dec.	Amoy/S'hai
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" " "GLENVY"	19th December.
" " "GLENLUCE"	21st December.
S.S. "GLENSHANE"	31st December.

HOMEWARDS.

Vessel.	Leaves Hongkong.	Discharges.
S.S. "GLENIFFER"	13th Dec.	GENOA, LONDON, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG.
M.V. "GLENVY"	20th Jan.	GENOA, LONDON, N'DAM & H'BURG

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Destination	Steamer	Sailing
SHANGHAI via Ningpo Cheongshing	Wed.	14th Dec. at d'light.
S'hai & Tiau via S'low Tungshing	Thur.	15th Dec. at d'light.
HAIPHONG via Hoibow Taksang	Fri.	16th Dec. at 10 a.m.
MANILA	Fri.	16th Dec. at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow Hangsang	Sun.	18th Dec. at d'light.
SANDAKAN	Tues.	20th Dec. at noon.
S'hai, Yokohama & Kobe Fooksang	Sat.	24th Dec. at d'light.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Sat.	24th Dec. at 3 p.m.

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For	Steamers	To Sail
SHANGHAI	Sinkiang	15th Dec. at noon.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	Sunking	17th Dec. at 4 p.m.
SWATOW, S'hai & PUOW	Chenau	18th Dec. at d'light.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	Luchow	18th Dec. at 10 a.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	Kanchow	18th Dec. at 10 a.m.
HONGKONG	Huichow	19th Dec. at 10 a.m.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

SHIPPING REVIVAL.

Many Japanese shipowners are still considering the purchase of foreign steamships. The Nishin Kaimo Kaisha and some other shipping companies in Kobe who are in direct contact with foreign countries, have been making extensive inquiries. Up to the present, fourteen ships with a gross tonnage of 76,000 tons have been bought while the purchase of others is being negotiated. According to a London telegram received by a Japanese firm on the 25th, the question of the scrapping of naval armaments is received with much optimism in England, and the price of ships shows an advancing tendency, causing the freight market to advance by over 10 per cent. Despite this information, the Kobe Marine Transport has lately received many offers of ships for sale.

AGE OF JAPANESE SHIPS.

In connection with the reduction of naval armaments, an opinion seems to be gaining ground among Japanese shipowners that maximum age should be put on ships, not only for the protection of shipowners, but also for the advancement of Japan's shipping. Most of the Japanese ships are out-of-date and advanced in age, and compare unfavourably with the British and American ships. They are also very inferior in speed, and in illustration of this fact, even those ships that are registered as producing a speed of 12 to 13 knots an hour as a maximum, cannot run any more than 9 or 10 knots while European and American ships run mostly 13 to 17 knots. It is impossible, therefore, to compete with foreign countries, unless swift ships, fitted with modern engines, are built. At a time when old ships are doomed owing to the maximum water-line law to be given effect in the near future, the proposed reduction of armaments is to be welcomed as speeding up the readjustment of shipping, but it is suggested that it is impossible in Japan to produce any good effect by limiting the age of ships without subsidies being given by the Government. There are only a few ships which can run over 15 knots, and they are now on the European and American trades.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA MEETING.

The general meeting of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha took place in Randa, Tokyo, on the 28th, ult. when a proposal for the payment of a 20 per cent. dividend was passed unanimously. In addressing the meeting, Mr. Ito, President of the company, said that the company's business results of which had been very unfavourable since the depression in the previous term, has assumed a very conservative policy, but nevertheless profits had decreased by ¥2,300,000 as compared with last term, as freight receipts suffered a fall of ¥6,300,000, though a sum of ¥4,750,000 was economised in office and shipping expenses. This was, of course, due to the diminution of overseas trade and the decline in freight rates. In the passenger traffic good results were produced, owing to the increase in fares. Although there was no foreseeing what the prospects of shipping were, the freight market would not presumably decline any more, unless there happened other special circumstances. In connection with the Washington Conference now going on, Mr. Ito expressed his belief that, if the restriction of military and naval armaments and the principles of the "open door" and "equality of opportunity" were affirmed, it would not only affect the world's economics profoundly, but bring favourable results for Japan's shipping. If a reduction of armaments were realised, the colossal sums which had previously been spent to maintain and extend armaments would undoubtedly be utilised productively. What claimed the special attention of all at the present juncture was the question of the disposal of Japan's surplus population. Would it not go a long way towards the settlement of that problem, if the cultivation of Manchuria, Mongolia, and Siberia were undertaken, and also emigrant and colonial works in South America, French-India, etc. for the purpose of increasing the national resources? If that were done, the shipping lines would need more extension and replenishment, and shipping prospects would, needless to say, become very hopeful. Together with advancement of other Pacific works, thanks to the restriction of armaments. On the whole, there was no reason to be pessimistic as to the shipping outlook, though the difficulties now encountered would require to be met bravely and unwaveringly.

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An experiment was recently made at the Hendon Aerodrome, London, to put to a practical test measures devised for protecting airmen from the risk of fire. One of the protective measures is the use of a new fireproof dope for the fabric of the machine, and particularly for the wings. Another is the treatment of the aviator's clothing with a fireproof composition, which is the invention of a shell-shocked soldier, who is an ex-chemist.

A small aero machine was selected for the experiment, and the pilot, a young man named Phillips, was so confident about the efficacy of the protection that he displayed no hesitation whatever in going aloft with the intention of firing his machine in mid-air and trusting to the new "dope" to save the aeroplane from destruction, and to his specially-treated suit of clothing to protect himself.

The Truro Patent Fire-Resisting Syndicate treated the clothing with the ex-service man's chemical preparation, while the wings and all other inflammable parts of the machine were liberally treated with the new dope. A smoke candle was placed at each side of the fabric-covered pilot's cabin. Tin canisters filled with petrol-saturated cotton wool were placed at various points of the upper and lower sections of the plane. Each container was supplied with a fuse, and the whole system was electrically connected, so that the aviator could start the conflagration at will. Finally, the wings and body of the machine were plentifully saturated with petrol immediately before the airplane was set in motion.

When the plane was well started on its flight and had made a few circuits of the aerodrome, Mr. Phillips switched on

the electric current, which fired the fuse, and for a few moments bright flames and dense smoke could be seen, but the expected supreme test was not reached, for the immense air pressure on the rapidly moving machine not only prevented any spread of the fire but actually extinguished that in the petrol container.

When the machine came to rest there was no longer any sign of fire, but the wings were scorched at points where the red-hot splutterings from the smoke candle had fallen. Small holes were burned right through, but apparently the dope had successfully resisted any tendency for the smouldering to develop into flames. The Truro suit worn by the aviator had not been submitted to the supreme test, but the coat was placed on the grass, saturated with petrol, and fired. The petrol burnt fiercely, and the fabric was scorched and carbonized, but not even the cotton lining could be induced actually to burn.

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1/1T	2/7
Demand	2/7 1/2
30 d/s	
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4 m/s	2/7 1/2
1/1T Shanghai	Nom.
1/1T Singapore	111 1/2
1/1T Japan	112 1/2
1/1T India	197
Demand, India	
1/1T San Francisco	54
& New York	
1/1T Java	150
1/1T Marks	Nom.
1/1T Francs	6.85
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10 d/s. Sydney and Melbourne	2/10 3/4
10 d/s. San Francisco & New York	57
4 m/s. Marks	Nom.
4 m/s. Francs	7.45
5 m/s. Francs	7.65

Demand, Germany	54 1/2
Demand, New York	Nom.
1/1T Bombay	Nom.
Demand, Bombay	197
1/1T Calcutta	Nom.
Demand, Calcutta	197
On Yokohama	112 1/2
Demand, Manila	116
Demand, Singapore	111 1/2
Demand, Batavia	150
On Haiphong	Nom.
On Saigon	Nom.
On Bangkok	80 1/2
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T. KRING.

Superintendent.

Hongkong, Dec. 8, 1921.

TIDE TABLE.

12th to 18th Dec. 1921.

Day	High Water	Low Water	High Water	Low Water
12th	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20
Mon. 12	7 22	4.5	1 11	2.5
Tues. 13	7 16	4.5	1 5	2.5
Wed. 14	7 10	4.5	1 3	2.5
Thurs. 15	7 4	4.5	1 1	2.5
Fri. 16	7 0	4.5	1 0	2.5
Sat. 17	6 54	4.5	1 0	2.5
Sun. 18	6 48	4.5	1 0	2.5

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WEATHER REPORT.

Dec. 13d. 11h. 27m.—Pressure has decreased moderately from Vladivostok to Shanghai, and increased moderately from N.E. Japan to the Bonins. It is nearly stationary in southern districts.

The anticyclone has weakened and moved eastward. It is now central over Japan.

Moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day. 0.00 inches. Total since January 1st. 87.20 inches, against an average of 82.43 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District	Forecast.
1 Hongkong to Gap	N.E. winds, moderate; fine.
2 Formosa Channel	The same as No. 1.

METEOROLOGICAL

Previous Day	on date.	on date.
Barometer	30.11	30.11
Temperature	65	63
Humidity	66	78
Wind Direction	E.S.E.	E.
Wind Force	3	4
Weather	od	o
Rain	0.00	0.00
Highest open air	Temperature on the	12th 66
Lowest open air	Temperature on the	13th 63

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

H. K. Observatory, Dec. 13.

3 South coast of China between H.K. & Lamock.

The same as No. 1.

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